GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTRADITION TREATY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which India has extradition treaty;

(b) whether in view of the difficulties faced in bringing back the wanted criminals the Government proposes to sign such treaties with more countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the modalities outlined in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) India has extradition treaties in force with the following 26 countries and regions: Belgium, Nepal, Canada, the Netherlands, U.K., Switzerland, Bhutan, Hong Kong, USA, Russia, U.A.E., Uzbekistan, Spain, Turkey, Mongolia, Germany, Tunisia, Republic of Korea, Oman, France, South Africa, Bahrain, Poland, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Kuwait.In addition, India has Extradition arrangements with the following countries:

Australia, Fiji, Italy, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand and Portugal.

(b) & (c) It is the policy of the Government to conclude Extradition treaties with as many countries as possible so as to ensure that fugitive criminals do not escape justice. Accordingly, India is in the process of negotiating/ratifying extradition treaties with 31 more countries. Negotiations are held through diplomatic channels on the basis of drafts prepared by India and/or the other country concerned.